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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☒ an International Search Report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
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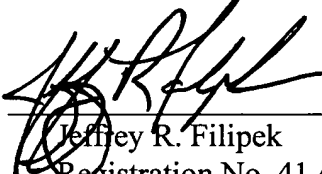
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5. ☒ an International Search Report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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